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## Morocco

### Grain and Feed

## Official Wheat and Barley Production Figures - Update

## 2004

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**Report Highlights:**

The Ministry of Agriculture just issued first estimates of the wheat and barley crops. Estimates are very close to AgAtt Forecast made in March 2004 and no significant change in PS&D has resulted.

The recent rains received by Morocco in May 2004 might affect the quality negatively and result in some sprout damage in the grains being harvested and in more weeds in fields that are not ready for harvest yet.

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Includes PSD Changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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The government of Morocco issued official figures for wheat and barley production in Morocco. The government estimates are very close to AgAtt forecast in March 2004. There is no significant change to the PS&D table. Adequate rainfall throughout the planting and during March-April period resulted in generally high yields throughout Morocco and production is expected to be the best since 1997. The Table below provides a comparison of this year's production with the past 5 years:

Area Planted to Wheat (durum and non durum) and Barley (1000 ha)

Year of Harvest	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Durum Wheat (1)	1,079	977	882	1,093	1,111
Non Durum Wheat (2)	1,823	1,724	1,745	1,896	1,953
<b>Tot. Wheat (1)+(2)</b>	<b>2,902</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,989</b>	<b>3,064</b>
<b>Barley</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>2,324</b>
Total Planted	5,153	4,827	4,629	5,255	5,388

Production of Wheat (durum and non durum) and Barley (1000 MT)

Year of Harvest	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Durum Wheat (1)	427	1,039	1,032	1,766	1,870
Non Durum Wheat (2)	953	2,278	2,325	3,381	3,559
<b>Tot. Wheat (1)+(2)</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>3,357</b>	<b>5,147</b>	<b>5,429</b>
<b>Barley</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>2,667</b>
Total Production	1,848	4,472	5,026	7,767	8,096

Source: Official Ministry of Agriculture Figures

Morocco received significant amount of rain during May 2004. This unusual rain is expected to impact negatively on the quality of some of the harvested wheat and barley (more sprout damage) especially in the southern and south-central parts of Morocco where harvest already started. The rain is also likely to result in an increase in weeds in grain fields. While it is too early to assess accurately the loss of quality due to the recent May 2004 rain, it is likely that some of the crop will incur some sprout damage and might eventually result in more grains being fed to livestock, especially barley. Grain harvest starts as early as late April in the Southern regions of Morocco and continues through end of July for the northern areas. AgAtt anticipates that, for the time being, the impact of these late rains on imports pattern will not be significant.

## PSD Table

Country Commodity	Morocco				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)		UOM
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	
	USDA Official	Estimate [DA Official]	Estimate [DA Official]	Estimate [DA Official]	Estimate [New]		
Market Year Begin	07/2002	07/2002	07/2003	07/2003	07/2004	MM/YYYY	
Area Harvested	2626	2626	2989	2989	3000	3064	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	1488	1488	1166	1235	1863	1615	(1000 MT)
Production	3357	3357	5147	5147	5300	5429	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	2720	2995	2100	1900	1900	1500	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Imports	2720	2995	2100	1900	1900	1500	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	62	44	0	500	0	500	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	7565	7840	8413	8282	9063	8544	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	179	179	150	100	150	150	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Exports	179	179	150	100	150	150	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	200	0	200	0	200	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	6220	6426	6400	6567	6600	6600	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	1166	1235	1863	1615	2313	1794	(1000 MT)
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Market Year Begin	07/2002	07/2002	07/2003	07/2003	07/2004	MM/YYYY	
Area Harvested	2002	2002	2267	2267	2300	2324	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	220	220	225	178	645	638	(1000 MT)
Production	1669	1669	2620	2620	2600	2667	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	336	364	100	140	150	100	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Imports	156	178	150	140	150	100	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	2225	2253	2945	2938	3395	3405	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	1300	1350	1400	1300	1500	1300	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	2000	2075	2300	2300	2500	2500	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	225	178	645	638	895	905	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2225	2253	2945	2938	3395	3405	(1000 MT)